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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-4 and 6-38 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6-7, and 18-38 have been cancelled without prejudice to refilling in a divisional or continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 8-17.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Taguchi (US Patent No. 6,448,504). Claims 1-4, 6 and 7 have been cancelled, and thus this rejection is moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taguchi. Claims 18-20 have been cancelled, and thus this rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

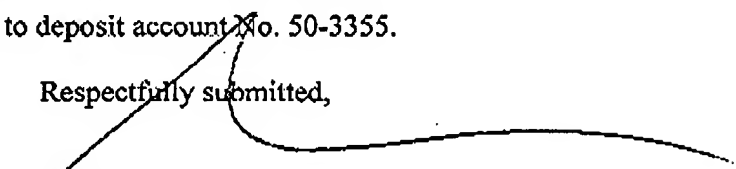
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to discuss any further issues yet to be resolved in connection with this application.

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No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if any fees are due, please charge any such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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